(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir. The opportunity of the annual meeting of the World Economic Forum at Davos was taken to project India's commitment to continuing the process of economic reforms. In fact, members of the Indian delegation took part in a panel discussion on foreign investment and in a discussion on strategic business alliances.

2553. (*Transferred to 26th March, 1993*)

Scandal in Co-operative Parishad Bank, Delhi

2554. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:
SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH:
SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:
SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the news item published in Dainik Jagaran dated the 17th January, 1993 regarding scam of crores of rupees in a Co-operative Parishad Bank based in Karolbagh Municipal Market in Delhi;

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government in this matter;

(c) whether several Co-operative Societies and other depositors have deposited huge amount with this bank;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; (Society-wise & amount-wise);

(e) whether Government have made any investigations in the matter;

(f) if so, what is the outcome thereof; and

(g) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (g) The matter has been taken up with Reserve Bank of India (RBI). RBI has reported that the investigation into the Parishad Co-operative Bank's affairs carried out during November, 17 and 18, 1992 disclose that the bank has been facing liquidity crisis and it was not in a position to pay its depositors. Registrar, Cooperative Societies, New Delhi has reported that the bank failed to repay the amount of fixed deposit even on expiry of the date of maturity for a sum of Rs. 165 lakhs, and also in certain cases, even the pay orders issued by the Bank were not honoured. The Registrar of Co-operative Societies, New Delhi has, keeping in view the relevant facts, issued a notice to the Bank under Sectoin 32 of the Delhi Co-operative Societies Act requiring them to show cause as to why the Board of Directors should not be removed. The reply given by the bank was not found satisfactory and the Board of Directors was removed on 22.2.93.

The order of removal of the Board of Directors was challanged by the Bank in the court of law and an exparte interim stay was granted to the bank against the order of the removal of the Board of Directors. The matters is now sub-judice.

Concessional Assistance from International Development Association

2555. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an independent study by international economists made a forceful plea for stepped up concessional assistance to India by the International Development Association;